

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 (Currently Amended) An assembly consisting of a vehicle component and a ball joint comprising, said ball joint including a housing, a ball stud and a sealing bellows which lies against said housing and said ball stud in order to seal between them said housing and said ball stud, said ball stud having a holding surface against which a sealing surface of said sealing bellows lies and a shoulder, and said sealing surface, when not being deformed and as seen along a longitudinal axis of said ball stud, being longer than said holding surface, said ball joint being mounted to said component such that said sealing surface is compressed in an axial direction between said shoulder and said component.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~ball joint~~ assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said holding surface and said sealing surface are cylindrical.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~ball joint~~ assembly according to Claim 1, wherein a contact surface for a said component is provided so as to adjoin said holding surface on ~~its side~~ a side of said holding surface facing away from said housing, ~~said ball stud being adapted to be mounted to said component.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~ball joint~~ assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said sealing bellows is provided with a metal ring which urges said sealing surface against said holding surface.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~ball joint~~ assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said sealing bellows is dimensioned such that it can not slip off from said holding surface when said ball joint is not mounted to said component.